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I find the proposed settlement with Microsoft not only inadequate, but insulting. It provides too many loopholes through which Microsoft can jump to effectively circumvent most, if not all of the provisions set forth by the settlement. For instance, in section III(J), there is a provision for Microsoft to keep all security APIs secret. An easy way to circumvent this is to add security features into every API. Please note that Microsoft recently announced an initiative to focus more on security; a move which would suggest that they are already planning such a strategy.

In the past, Microsoft has shown considerable ingenuity in circumventing such measures. For instance, the integration of Internet Explorer into Windows to circumvent the "Consent Decree" shows their willingness to abide by the "spirit" of such an agreement.

Please do not allow this settlement to go forward.

Sincerely,

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